

CAPTAIN PAUL J. HOWARD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Captain Paul J. Howard assumed the position of Executive Director of the New England Fishery Management Council in January 1997. That same month he retired from a 25-year career in the United States Coast Guard.

Captain Howard is a native of Winthrop, Massachusetts. He is a 1972 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy. Captain Howard also attended graduate school at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia.

Captain Howard's at sea Coast Guard assignments include: Deck Watch Officer onboard USCGC MENDOTA in New Bedford, MA, Operations Officer onboard USCGC DUANE in Portland, ME, Executive Officer onboard USCGC EAGLE in New London CT, Executive Officer onboard USCGC JARVIS in Honolulu, HI, and Commanding Officer onboard USCGC RELIANCE in New Castle, NH.

Captain Howard's assignments ashore have been in Port Safety, Training, and Law Enforcement. They include: Port Safety Officer in New York, NY, Port Safety Industry Training at Massachusetts Port Authority, Chief of the Port Safety Branch in Boston, MA, Planning Officer and Head JV Football Coach at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT, Chief of Training Policy and Assessment Branch at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC, and Chief of the Coast Guard Law Enforcement Branch in Boston, MA

As Executive Director of the New England Fishery Council, he directed the implementation of the new Sustainable Fisheries Act. Since implementation, New England fish stocks are making a remarkable recovery, which is a drastic change from the 1980s and early 1990s.